

# KC Garden Club Newsletter

May—June 2022

## 'Chronic' Gardening Fever

You may be suffering from 'gardening fever' if you have some of these symptoms:

1. You have a greenhouse somewhere on your property. Seemingly you cannot wait for the warmer temperatures and increased sunlight to do any planting. You escape to the greenhouse and totally dismiss the snow outside. It feels really good to get your hands in the dirt and to plant enough annuals and perennials to supply the neighborhood.
2. There is no room for more plants in your perennial garden because you cram in as many as possible to discourage weeds. There is no need to stake the taller perennials as there is no possible way they can fall over!
3. If you are one that purchases plants at a nursery, do you come home with plants that are in full bloom? If so, you can blame it on the extra endorphins that your brain secretes with the warmer temperatures.
4. If you go on a planting run and find that every inch of your car or truck, including your passengers lap, are filled with flowering plants, you definitely have 'gardening fever'.
5. Have you every purchased six of the same perennial because they bloom in six different colors?
6. You cannot resist new varieties of flowers that are just so beautiful. Gotta have them!
7. You have a budget for purchasing annuals and perennials. However, that goes out the window when you see all the different, beautiful flowers that would look gorgeous in your garden. You consider taking out a loan to cover the cost of the plants.
8. Digging up more gardening space to create room for all the flowers that have been purchased. No matter the extra work!

## Garden Tours

*“A weed is a  
plant that has  
mastered  
every survival  
skill except for  
learning how  
to grow in  
rows.”*

-Doug Larson



## KCGC Programs and Events

**Tuesday, May 24**—KCGC Meeting: Program ‘Controlling Weeds in the Vegetable Garden’ by Warren—6:30 p.m. at the Algoma Youth Club

**Saturday, May 28**—25th Annual KCGC Plant Sale at Lakehaven Hall, Kewaunee - 9:00 a.m.—noon

### Summer Events:

**July**—Tour of Kris and Terry Fulwiler’s gardens in Algoma

**August**—Tour of Van der Bohre Arboretum in Two Rivers and West of the Lake in Manitowoc.

## Scholarship Applicant

Sandi informed us that **Morgan Hrivnak** will receive her second \$1000.00 scholarship when she completes her sophomore year of college. Morgan is majoring in Environmental Science.

**Congratulations!**

## World Migratory Bird Day Celebration

A big ‘thank you’ to Sue and Warren Hingst and Tom Zenner for setting up and manning the booth at the World Migratory Bird Day event on Saturday, May 14. Warren provided a number of beautiful plants for attendees.

The gardening kits were on display so attendees could get a ‘sneak peak’ about the upcoming plant sale. Whether you are a kid or an adult, who wouldn’t like receiving a kit that will produce a thing of beauty or something to eat?



**LAKEHAVEN GARDEN  
& OUTDOOR LIVING  
SHOW**

**Saturday  
May 28, 2022  
9-3**

**LAKEHAVEN HALL  
96 Ellis St  
Kewaunee  
Wi.**

**VENDORS  
FOOD  
BUCKET RAFFLE**

**Kewaunee Co  
Garden Club  
Plant Sale 9-12  
Outside  
Lakehaven Hall**

**FACE BOOK      FREE ADMISSION**

## Garden Kits

A big 'thank you' to everyone who supplied containers for the garden kits. There are some really cool containers for kids as well as for adults. Those who are lucky enough to receive one at the plant sale, will be rewarded doubly ... flowers and veggies are in their future!

“You know that you are a gardener when you are happy to devote three months of the year growing tomatoes to save \$1.27.”  
-Unknown



## 25-Year Commemorative Ornaments



They are adorable!



## Gardening Tips

### ⇒ **Use a Muffin Tin for Easy Spacing of Seeds in the Garden**

Rather than 'eyeball' it, use the back of a muffin tin to space out digging holes. Lightly push the tin into the ground, making small dents for seeds. This method will save money and might even encourage you to bake some muffins .

### ⇒ **Keep Soil in Place with Coffee Filters**

The next time you repot or buy a new plant, place a coffee filter into the base of the pot before adding potting soil.

### ⇒ **Add Soap to the Garden to Keep Critters Away**

Place a bar of soap in the garden ... pests will stay clear. Use a cheese grater to make shavings to spread throughout the garden. Deer hate soap, so this will keep them from having a midnight snack!

### ⇒ **Sprinkle Cinnamon to get Rid of Ants**

Cinnamon acts as an ant deterrent for the garden. Just sprinkle some around indoor or outdoor plants,

The spice also works as a rooting agent. Applying a small amount to the stem of a new plant cutting will heighten the rate of growth.

### ⇒ **Sprinkle Salt for an Easy Garden Fertilizer**

This is a helpful way of adding salt before it hits the dinner table! Either sprinkle a bit into the soil or add a tablespoon to a gallon of water, mix well. Water the base of the plant with the mixture.

### ⇒ **Grow Sweeter Tomatoes with Baking Soda**

Simply add a sprinkling of baking soda around the base of the tomato plants. Be sure to keep the powder off the plant leaves and roots.

### ⇒ **Use a Laundry Basket to Grow Strawberries**

Place a potato sack or garbage bag in the laundry basket. Fill the sack or bag with soil; use a scissors to cut slits to plant strawberries around the basket. Once the seedlings are planted, you should have a 360° garden!

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Crabtree in memory of  
Amiel Hepp



Maple tree in memory of  
John Eberle

## Trendy 2022

According to the 2021 National Gardening Association survey, 18.3 million new gardeners started gardening in 2020. The greatest rate of increase came from younger gardeners, people with children, apartment or condo dwellers, and people of color.

**Gardens are an escape; a sanctuary!** Gardening is a stress reliever perhaps that is why so many have taken up gardening! Flowers make people feel good which is a benefit to wellness and to gardeners' health.

**Growing edibles** has always been trendy; however, plant breeders are working on container-grown vegetables. Specifically, tomatoes and peppers. They predict that within the new two years, an excellent container watermelon will be marketed.

**Support for Pollinators:** The National Wildlife Federation recently launched a new Garden for Wildlife collection, which offers native plant packages based on your state to attract insects that feed 96% of backyard bird species.

**Houseplant Heaven:** Younger gardeners are interested in growing houseplants. The trend is for something unusual i.e. interesting shaped leaves, serrated edges, and variegated colors.

**Planting a mix of climate-appropriate plants is good garden stewardship.** Selecting plants with greater drought tolerance and disease resistance and that serve multiple needs. Selecting vines that are beautiful and also produce fruit is one suggestion that is recommended.

**Birding:** As more people have gotten into bird watching, the trend is to plant food and nesting materials for the birds. Kids especially love watching birds ... good way to get them interested in gardening.